

questions that we can work out. One question that comes to mind, Senator Landis, is the issue of private mediators. Do...how...is that addressed in your amendment and how is that so addressed?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me answer that question for you by saying if you'll take a look at Section 5, it's in lines 8 through 11 at the bottom of 1574. A mediator, under the Parenting Act, shall be approved by a state mediation center, that...those are the training guidelines which we passed last year, as established through the Office of Dispute Resolution, or under a conciliation court. Those are the mediators that could handle Parenting Act cases. Now you, what you do to become a mediator under one of those is either be appointed by a conciliation court or go through the training outlined in LB 90 of last year.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: And they do not have to be mediators that are specifically assigned to the center, but people who have been approved to do mediation work having gone through that training by the center.

SENATOR ASHFORD: And then one other question. I note that your amendment strikes Section 4 in its entirety and one of the provisions of Section 4, and this is an issue that we're going to need to talk about before Select, strikes the statutory requirement that a pamphlet called "Divorce and Beyond" be submitted to the parties. Is that correct?

SENATOR LANDIS: It does. I would...I would be amenable to the notion of requiring that. If you'll take a look at lines...about 4 through 8 on 1574, it says that the parties shall be notified and shall receive...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...information about mediation and its application in divorce and parenting matters...

SENATOR ASHFORD: All right.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...as well as its availability through state mediation centers. People should get information. They should get...